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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, US, GW  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GENSCHER VISIT TO US

1. WHEN I MET WITH GENSCHER ON MARCH 22 HE TOLD ME OF HIS MARCH 20 PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY CONCERNING A POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY APRIL. GENSCHER SAID HE REGARDED THIS AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER ON A NUMBER OF PRESSING PROBLEMS. HE NAMED THE HORN, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND EUROPEAN AND DEFENSE POLICY.
2. EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO GENSCHER, HOWEVER, IS THE DEMONSTRATIVE IMPACT ON US-FRG RELATIONS WHICH A VISIT WOULD HAVE. HE BELIEVES A VISIT WOULD CLEARLY ACCENTUATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR RELATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF A PERIOD OF CRITICAL PRESS COMMENTARY.
3. COMMENT: AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, GENSCHER, AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE HERE, HAS WORKED HARD TO PUT US-GERMAN RELATIONS IN A BETTER PERSPECTIVE. A VISIT TO THE US WOULD REINFORCE HIS EFFORTS AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP AS WELL.

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I UNDERSTAND GENSCHER'S OFFICE IS IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY'S STAFF AND I HOPE IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE TO FIND A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR A VISIT. SHOULD THE SECRETARY'S CALENDAR PRECLUDE A VISIT, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS FACT CONFIDENTIAL. GENSCHER IS CONCERNED THAT PRESS REPORTS OF AN ABORTIVE VISIT WOULD BE SEEN BY SOME AS PROOF

THAT US-GERMAN RELATIONS ARE IN A PERIOD OF DIFFICULTY.  
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